

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 8, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 are pending.

Claims 6, 11, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

On February 23, 2005, a final Office action was mailed.

On June 27, 2005, a response to the final Office action was filed in the PTO.

On July 20, 2005 an RCE was mailed, submitting the claims filed in the June 27 response.

On July 27, 2005 an Advisory action responsive to the June 27 response was mailed. The Advisory action identified allowable claims, for which Applicant is appreciative.

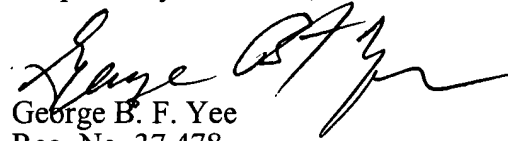
The instant preliminary amendment is submitted to cancel the rejected claims, leaving the allowable claims identified in the Advisory action.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this Application are believed to be in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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